

The City College of New York

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Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture

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How to apply for freshman or transfer admission to the Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture at The City College of New York:

1. File a **CUNY Freshman or Transfer Application** at www.cuny.edu/undergraduate prior to **January 1st**, indicating The Spitzer School of Architecture at City College as your first choice (code 0184). Applicants to the Macaulay Honors College must apply by **December 1st**. NOTE: The Spitzer School of Architecture only admits in the fall.
2. Submit all documents as instructed, including your high school and/or college transcript(s), standardized test scores and application fee to the University Application Processing Center (UAPC). Macaulay Honors College applicants should submit additional information as instructed.
3. In addition to completing a CUNY Freshman or Transfer Application, all applicants must complete and submit this **Creative Challenge** to the address found below. Submissions must be postmarked by **January 1st** to be considered. Be sure to include your name and social security number (or CUNY-assigned ID number) on each page. Please print clearly. Submit the Creative Challenge to:

The City College of New York
Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture
140 Convent Avenue, Room 113/Creative Challenge
New York, NY 10031

Creative Challenge

In keeping with The City College's founding mission which emphasizes diversity and access, we are giving prospective students of the Spitzer School of Architecture an opportunity to demonstrate their full imaginative potential by responding to this Creative Challenge. As an applicant to The Spitzer School of Architecture, you are invited to express who you are and how you see the world. Your interpretive responses to the following five problems will enable us to get to know you better. Enjoy, and good luck!

Please honor the following rules when responding to the enclosed Creative Challenge:

1. You may respond to each question using any medium or technique that you believe to be most appropriate. This includes collage or any other form of representation.
2. Your response to each question must be recorded on the corresponding sheet and wholly contained therein.
3. You may not draw on the back of the sheets nor use additional sheets in your responses.
4. Please read and sign the statement of authorship at the bottom of this page and return it in the envelope with your responses to the five questions.
5. Be sure to include your name and social security number on each page.

I hereby declare that all of the responses to this Creative Challenge represent my own work and that I have received no help from any outside party.

Signature

Date

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: *Can I glue things onto the paper?*

A: *Yes, as long as it remains flat enough to be mailed in a normal 8-1/2 x 11 envelope. We would prefer not to receive your Creative Challenge (CC) in any bulky or special mailing boxes.*

Q: *Can I use color in my response?*

A: *Yes*

Q: *Can I scan the sheets into the computer and work digitally (such as in Photoshop)?*

A: *Yes. As long as it gets printed out in the same size and format in which you received it before being mailed back to us. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT DISKS. WE WILL ONLY ACCEPT PAPER SHEETS.*

Q: *Can I add additional pages to my answers?*

A: *No.*

Q: *Can I draw on the back of my CC sheets?*

A: *No.*

Q: *Do I need to work only within the black rectangular border on each sheet?*

A: *Yes.*

Q: *Should I call to confirm that my CC has been received by the school?*

A: *No. We will call you if we do not receive the CC by the deadline.*

Q: *Can I call the school with specific questions about my answers to the CC questions?*

A: *No. We are not allowed to provide any information about how you should respond to the questions. That is up to you. Please see the rules listed on the first page of this download.*

Q: *Is a portfolio required for admission to the Spitzer School of Architecture?*

A: *No*

Q: *Should any other documents be sent with the CC?*

A: *No*

NAME: _____ **SSN or CUNY ID:** _____

Challenge 1: Record yourself in a creative act. (This is not a writing assignment)

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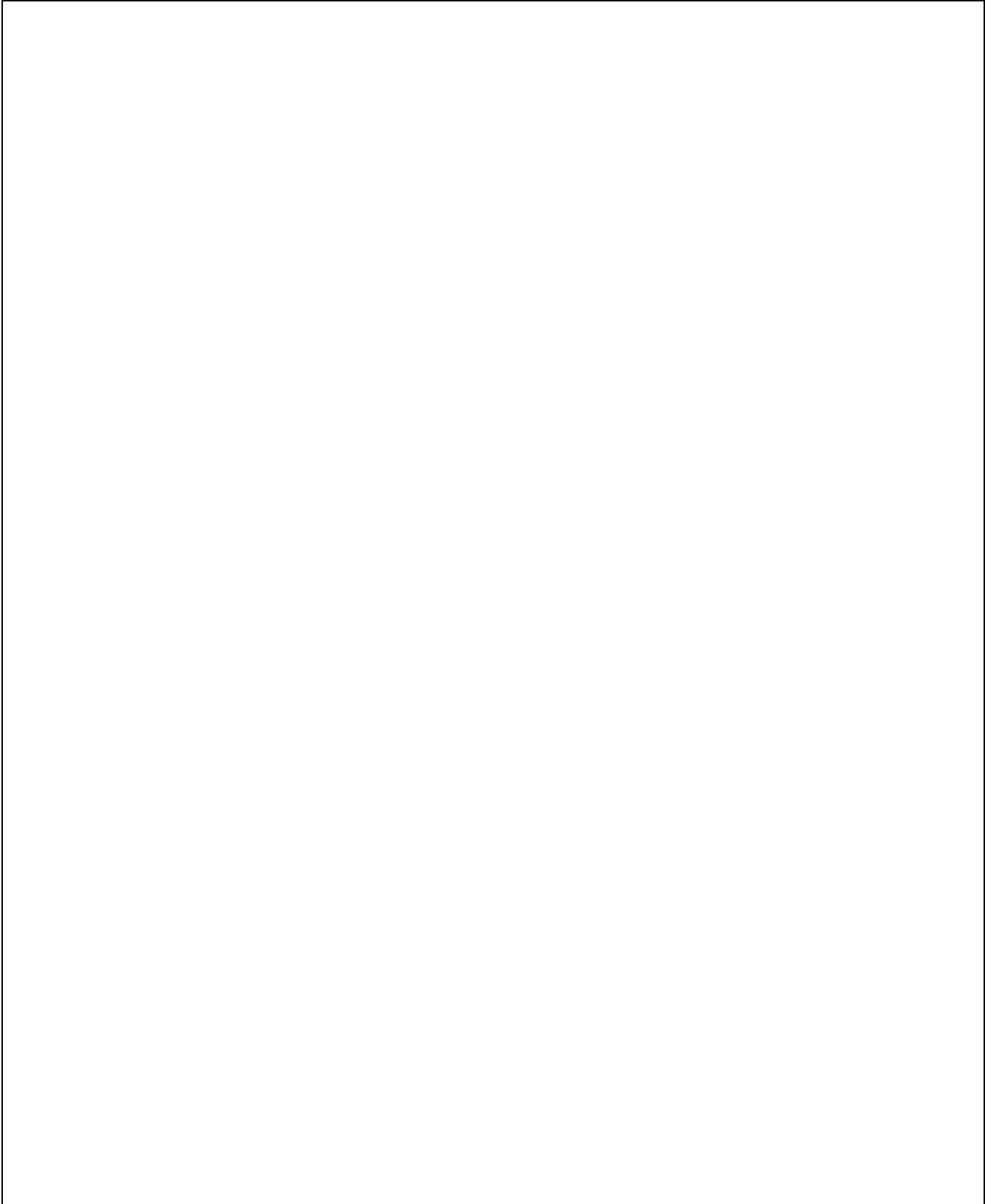
NAME: _____ SSN or CUNY ID: _____

Challenge 2: Write one paragraph that describes your favorite space.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for writing a paragraph.

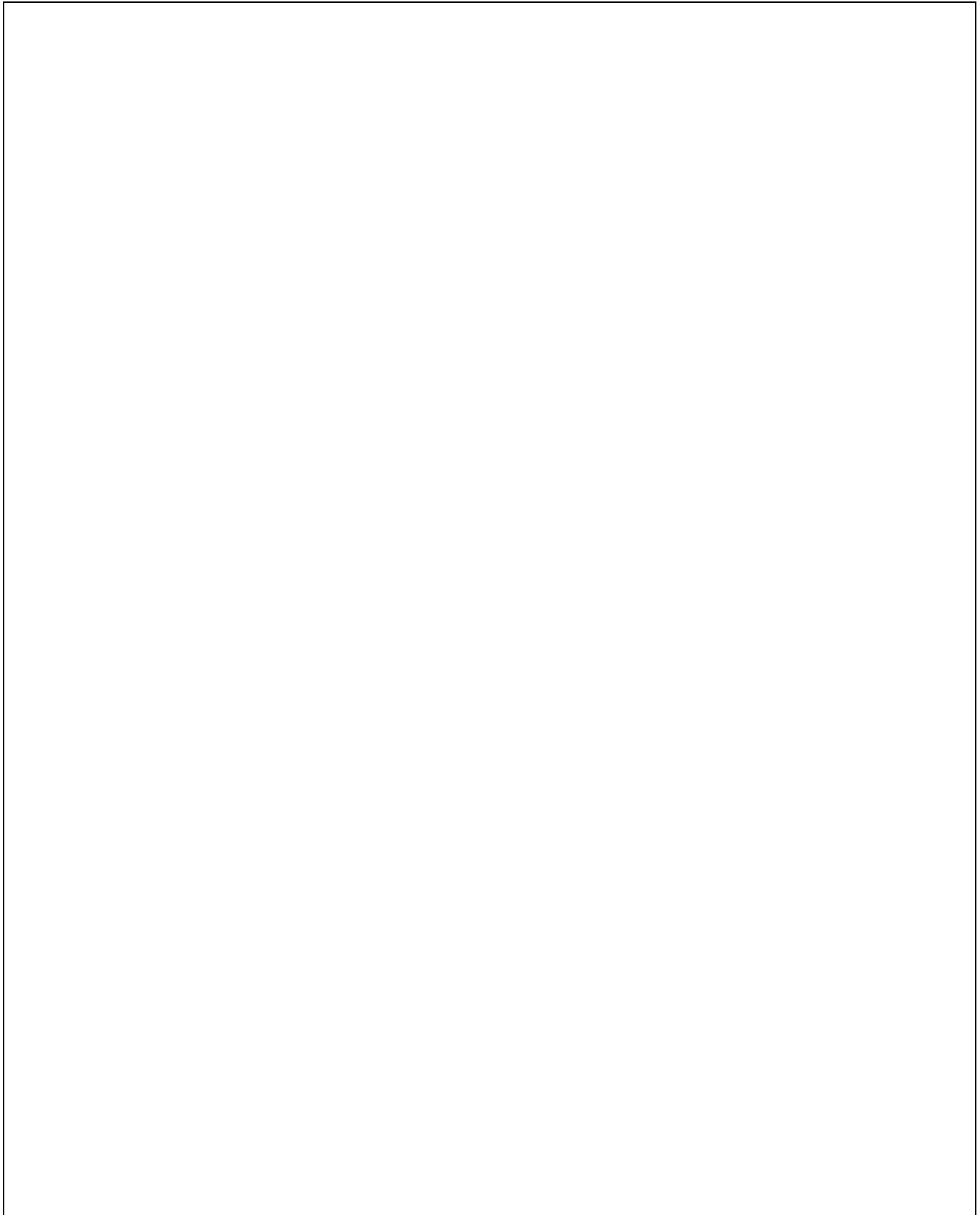
NAME: _____ SSN or CUNY ID: _____

Challenge 3: Represent something moving in time. (This is not a writing assignment)

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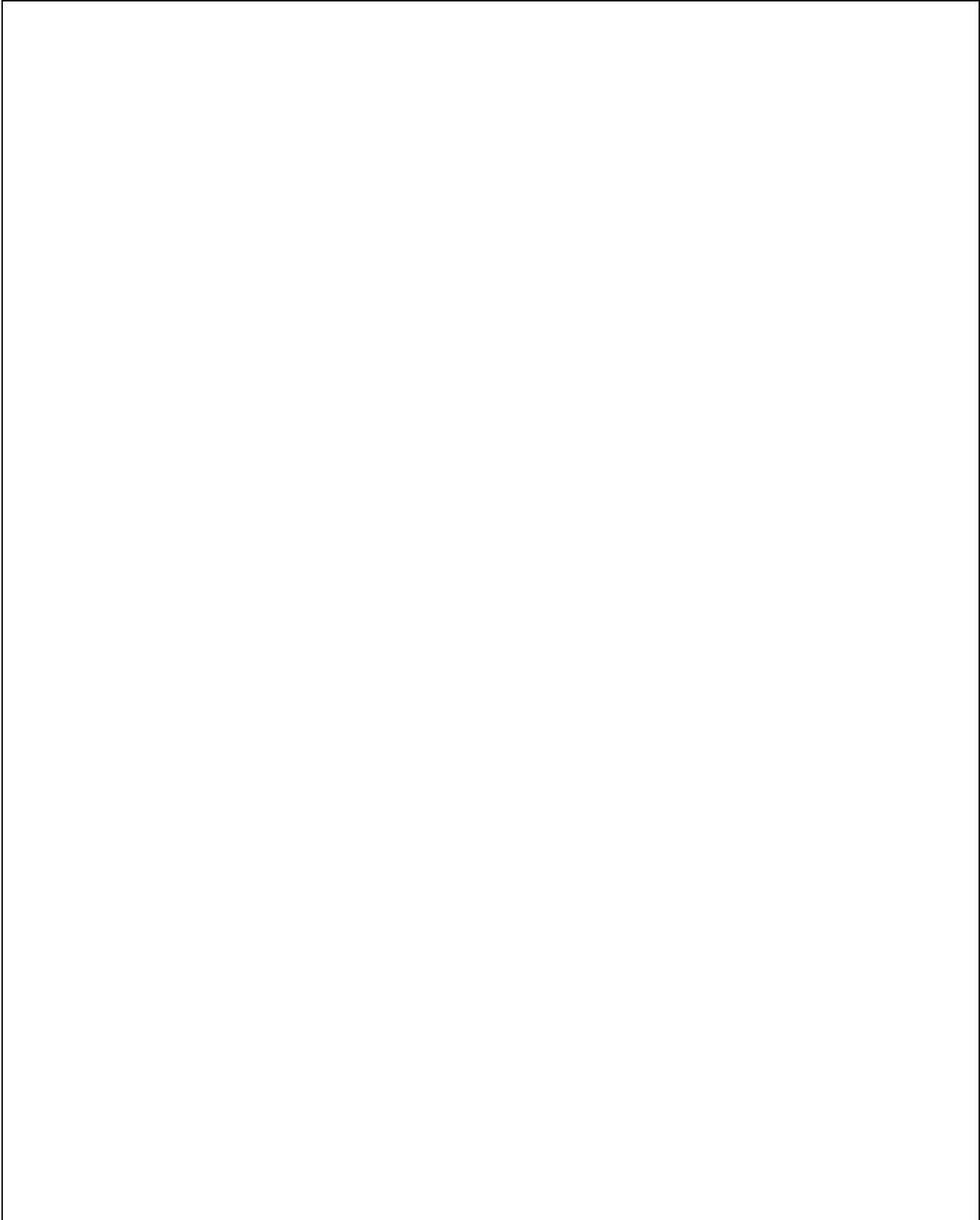
NAME: _____ SSN or CUNY ID: _____

Challenge 4: Represent an object in two scales simultaneously. (This is not a writing assignment)

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, occupying most of the page below the challenge text. It is intended for the student to draw or represent an object in two scales simultaneously.

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Challenge 5: Depict a path to or from your place of residence. (This is not a writing assignment)

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, occupying most of the page below the text. It is intended for a drawing or sketch of a path to or from a residence.